

# *Indiana Master Naturalist* *2015 Class Schedule*

**6:00 to 9:00pm**

**January** *January 8, 2015*

## *Interpretation/History*

Meet program coordinators and your fellow classmates. Learn more about the program and requirements to obtain IMN certification. Learn tips and techniques on how to be a good interpreter.

**February** *February 12, 2015*

## *Indiana Geology*

Did you know that at one point Indiana was covered in glaciers? Come discover how glaciers shaped the Indiana landscape we know today.

**March** *March 12, 2015*

## *Indiana Reptiles and Amphibians*

Do you know the difference between poisonous and venomous? Do we have venomous snakes at Fort Harrison? What amphibians call Fort Harrison home?

**April** *April 9, 2015*

## *Indiana Fungi and Lichen*

Do you know how to identify native fungi and lichen? Come explore and discover nature's recyclers.

**May** *May 7, 2015*

## *Indiana Birds*

Learn the basics of identifying birds by marks, behavior, and sounds. The go on a hike outside to practice your birding skills.

**June** *June 11, 2015*

## *Indiana Wildflowers*

Learn about the flowers that indicate that spring is on its way! Then discover the beautiful flowers that bloom in the prairies.

**July** *July 9, 2015*

## *Indiana Rivers and Fish*

One fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish... What fish are native to our waterways? Did you know there are non-native fish, plants, and animals that cause harm to our native species?

**August** *August 6, 2015*

## *Indiana Mammals*

Skulls and pelts and tracks and scat... Discover our most common mammals that call Indiana home. Learn how to identify tracks you just discovered or what dropped that pile of poo you just stepped in.

**September** *September 10, 2015*

## *Indiana Trees*

Can you identify the different types of maple and oak trees? Learn how to identify 50 of Indiana's native trees using a simple dichotomous key.

**October** *October 12, 2015*

## *Indiana Insects and Spiders*

Is that critter venomous or poisonous? Do all spiders bite? Is that a Brown Recluse? Learn all about Indiana insects and spiders including where they live and what they do for you besides sending shivers up your spine.

**November** *November 12, 2015*

## *Conservation*

How can you preserve and protect our natural resources for present and future generations? How did early naturalists do it? Learn all this and more!

**December** *December 10, 2015*

## *Graduation*

You've done it! You have completed all the classes and volunteer hours. Come celebrate with a little holiday fun!

**\*Come dressed for the weather! Most classes will have an outdoor element!**

# Indiana Master Naturalist at Fort Harrison State Park



*An introductory program of nature  
discovery and service learning for  
adults.*

*For more information, contact the Visitor  
Center at (317) 591-0122 or by email at  
[fortinterp@dnr.in.gov](mailto:fortinterp@dnr.in.gov).*

# Registration Form

## Indiana Master Naturalist Program 2015 At Fort Harrison State Park

### Limited Enrollment

Minimum 10 / Maximum 30

Registration Deadline is December 31, 2014

### *How to pay:*

\$85 per student for the entire year

- 🌿 12 classes (must attend at least 10)
- 🌿 All course related materials
- 🌿 IMN state accreditation

### *Please Note:*

*All participants must either pay the gate fee to enter the park or purchase an annual entrance pass for the year. We will **NOT** be covering the cost of the pass in the fee for the 2015 IMN program.*

### Complete the following information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Return form with payment to:  
Fort Harrison State Park  
Attn: Naturalist – IMN Class 2015  
5753 Glenn Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46216

\*Make checks payable to Friends of Fort Harrison  
State Park

## Become a certified Indiana Master Naturalist in 2015...

*The mission of the Indiana Master Naturalist program is to bring together natural resources specialists with adult learners to foster an understanding of Indiana's plants, water, soils, and wildlife, and promote volunteer service in local communities.*



### 🐾 What is the purpose of the IMN program?

The Indiana Master Naturalist (IMN) Program can provide participants with many hands-on opportunities to learn about our Hoosier natural resources. It also provides a way for you to share that knowledge, along with your life experiences, through volunteer service to natural resource organizations.

### 🐾 Who can participate and what are the benefits?

Open to any adult (18 and older), but in general, course participants are Hoosiers with a genuine love for the out-of-doors. They take the IMN program to expand their knowledge of plants, wildlife, soils, and other natural resources in Indiana. They expect to volunteer in some capacity during/after coursework.



### Benefits

- 🌿 Experience unique presentations and hands-on opportunities led by specialists in the field
- 🌿 Enhance your knowledge and ability to teach others
- 🌿 Meet and engage with other local nature enthusiasts
- 🌿 Gain personal satisfaction from “giving back” through volunteer service
- 🌿 And so much more!

*“Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves.” ~ John Muir*

### 🐾 What is expected of participants?

To graduate from the course and become certified as an Indiana Master Naturalist, participants must:

- 🌿 Participate in at least 10 of the 12 three-hour classes
- 🌿 Complete at least 30 hours of volunteer service time
- 🌿 Complete an open book test after each class

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